

Thomas Francis Meagher,²¹ John Mitchel,²² Rev. Henry Giles,²³ and others, are expected, or have consented to take part in the course. The proceeds of the Lectures to go to the Lecturers, after deducting necessary expenses. At the conclusion of the course it is contemplated to publish them all in an embellished volume. The visit to our City, I hope, would be a pleasant one, I know that you would meet a warm reception.

The Irish Settlers in North Carolina, their Revolutionary achievements, their descendants, and the posts of honor they have held, would form the groundwork of the best lecture of the course. The very names of your Counties, Burke, Caldwell, Gaston, McDowell, Martin, Montgomery, Moore, Rowan, Rutherford, Wayne, etc., suggest good old Irish names, and Graham, Coleraine, Murphy, Kenan, and other names in your topography, show Irish footprints all over your States. And then, too, you would follow the sons through other States and places in which they have distinguished themselves.

*From Charles Earl Johnson.*²⁴

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Raleigh,

Dec'r 10th., 1855.

I wrote you some time since respecting the papers of Jos. Seawell Jones, which you had obtained from Mr. Rich'd Seawell of

²¹ Thomas Meagher (1823-1867), of New York, a native of Ireland, where in 1848 he was condemned to death, but was later banished instead. He became a lawyer and editor in New York and a leader of the Irish element in the city. He organized a company of Zouaves in the Civil War, and later organized and commanded the "Irish Brigade."

²² John Mitchel (1815-1875), of New York, journalist and Irish patriot, a native of Ireland, a graduate of Trinity, and a lawyer who founded the United Irishmen to advocate armed resistance to England. He was found guilty of treason felony and was transported. He lived in Bermuda, San Francisco, and New York. He founded the *Citizen* and fought the abolitionists and Catholics. He moved to Tennessee and in 1857 founded the *Knoxville Southern Citizen*. He then went to France, but in 1862 came to Richmond and edited the *Examiner*. He was later editor of the *New York Daily News*. He was imprisoned for his denunciation of the Grant administration and afterwards returned to Ireland, was elected to Parliament, and shortly afterwards died. It may be added that it would be difficult to imagine Garham in the company of these three persons.

²³ The Reverend Henry Giles (1809-1882), of New York, a native of Ireland, Unitarian clergyman and anti-slavery lecturer.

²⁴ Charles Earl Johnson (1812-1876), of Raleigh, a graduate of the University of Virginia, M.D. of the University of Pennsylvania, who, after practicing for some years in Bertie County, came to Raleigh. He had great reputation, and in the Civil War was surgeon general of the State. He organized two hospitals in Petersburg, one in Richmond, and a number of wayside hospitals that rendered great service.